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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Appl. No. :** 09/829,700 **Confirmation No.:** 1771  
**Applicant :** Volker Kuhnel et al.  
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**AMENDMENT "B"**

Sir:

The three month response period for responding to the outstanding Office action of May 6, 2004 expired on August 6, 2004. Applicant hereby petitions and requests a one (1) month extension of time to extend the response period from August 6, 2004 through September 6, 2004. A check in the amount of \$110 is enclosed to cover the extension fee.

In response to the Office action of May 6, 2004, paper no. 13, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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